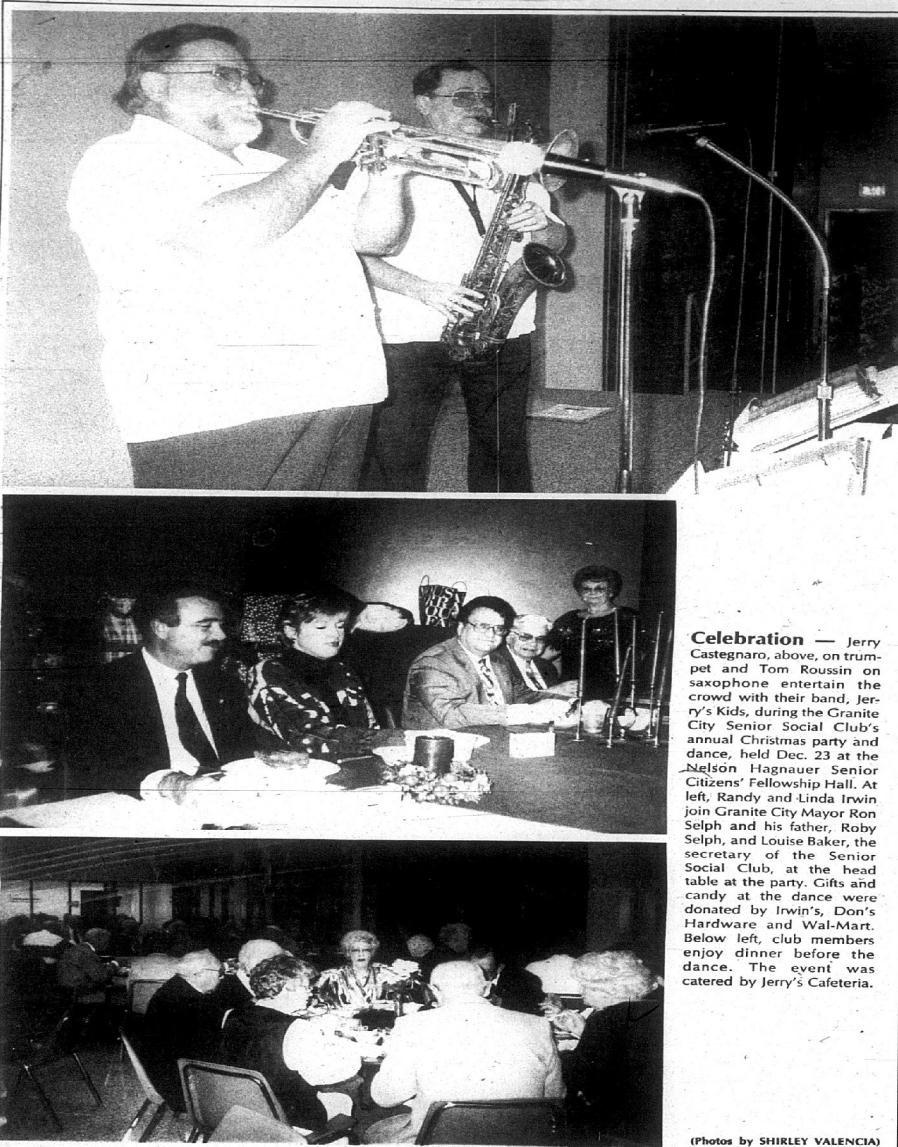


LOCAL NEWS



Celebration — Jerry Castegnaro, above, on trumpet and Tom Roussin on saxophone entertain the crowd with their band, Jerry's Kids, during the Granite City Senior Social Club's annual Christmas party and dance, held Dec. 23 at the Nelson Hagnauer Senior Citizens' Fellowship Hall. At left, Randy and Linda Irwin join Granite City Mayor Ron Selph and his father, Roby Selph, and Louise Baker, the secretary of the Senior Social Club, at the head table at the party. Gifts and candy at the dance were donated by Irwin, Don's Hardware and Wal-Mart. Below left, club members enjoy dinner before the dance. The event was catered by Jerry's Cafeteria.

(Photos by SHIRLEY VALENCIA)

TIF

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parks and libraries and related to the TIF district. The rebated funds can be used for improvements in the TIF district.

"Every (developer) is looking to see help," Brown said. "To try to provide infrastructure without the TIF would be cost prohibitive."

The Granite City Council will consider resolution Tuesday night expressing its intent to establish a TIF district along Illinois 3. The council is slated to annex more than 300 acres along the highway Tuesday in conjunction with the project.

Orbals said the TIF district will be formed under the Industrial Tax Increment Act, a state law that creates jobs in areas where the unemployment rate is at least one percentage point higher than the national average.

"It looks very certain (that

Granite City) is going to qualify," Orbals said, noting that official unemployment statistics for December due to be released at the end of January.

Selph said city officials wanted to offer the port an opportunity to participate in the project, possibly sprucing up industrial activity in another district property that has not yet been developed.

But any property included in the boundaries of the new district must be included in the city.

The unincorporated port property — owned by the federal government and leased from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by the port — will first be annexed into Granite City before the TIF benefits can legally be offered to potential developers.

Rules say when the port district was established require the mayors of all three cities

— Madison, Venice and Granite City — to agree before any port property can be annexed.

That agreement was reached Friday night after several years of speculation and negotiation.

The port property targeted for annexation includes an undeveloped area just north of the existing harbor. That harbor is scheduled for a \$12 million expansion, resulting in a range of between 1,800 and 5,000 feet in the future. Port District General Manager Bob Wydra said.

Dr. Charles King Jr., chairman of the Port Authority,

said the project makes good business sense.

"I'm glad that regional cooperation is predicted," King said.

"I think it is a good move to include the port facilities in the project. And with our international connections, we can help market the area to Bellcoff and Echo.

Bellcoff and Echo listened quietly to the presentation, then negotiated with city officials behind closed doors after agreeing to announce their approval of the plan.

The Tri-City Regional Port District was established by the Legislature in 1959 to promote transportation and business

opportunities for the region. Since that time, millions of dollars have been invested in infrastructure along the original mile-long harbor to accommodate containerized shipping, river, rail and highway transportation to distribute products.

The port handles more than 3 million tons of products, valued at more than \$600 million, through its harbor complex annually.

Last year, the port lost out to an Indiana site for a \$150 million ConAgra soybean processing facility that would have created more than 220 jobs.

Christmas tree recycling now under way

The Granite City Park District will accept discarded Christmas trees until Jan. 10 at its drop-off site at the end of 29th Street near Niedringhaus School.

Trees must be free of any plastic, tinsel or ornaments and will be chipped for mulch.

The mulch will be free and available for public use after Jan. 10. To obtain mulch, call the Wilson Park office at 877-3059 after that date.

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Darr unlikely to get job back

Madison County officials say there are no job openings available for former Director of Emergency Management Lanny Darr, who is seeking back his employment in a lawsuit filed after his firing in September.

"I know of no job openings that are being considered for Lanny Darr," County Board Chairman Rudy Papa said.

Both members of the Frankenmuth, Alhambra and Tony Bosich of Wood River, both Democrats, said they are adamantly opposed to rehiring Darr.

Darr, 56, a Godfrey Democrat, was fired after car accidents in July 1993 and again in May 1994. He was driving county-owned vehicles in both incidents.

Darr, in his lawsuit, contends his dismissal by the County Board was improper and is seeking to have the firing overruled in addition to compensation.

Darr did not return telephone calls this week about the suit, but his attorney J. William Ladd of Edwardsville said the suit is progressing.

"We are continuing with discovery and expect to be ready for trial by middle to late summer," Ladd said.

According to the court file, the suit has seen no development since September when an attorney's conference was canceled.

Prior to that, Madison County Associate Judge David Herndon had threatened to dismiss the suit for lack of prose-

cution. Darr was fired Sept. 21 by the County Board in a 21-5 vote. Papa, a Bethalto Democrat, cast one of the five votes in Darr's favor.

In Darr's first accident, he succeeded in slaming a county-owned car into Illinois Route 140 in Bethalto as Darr reportedly tried to pass her.

Darr was suspended for five days after the first accident. Bethalto police had charged Darr with DUI, but that charge was dropped after a St. Clair County prosecutor said there was insufficient evidence.

In the second accident, Darr ran a county-owned van into a ditch along Illinois Route 140 in Parkway in Alton. Alton police said Darr showed no signs of alcohol, but eyewitnesses said Darr smelled and acted intoxicated.

Darr was indicted on a charge of driving under the influence by a grand jury and was later convicted in the second accident based on a blood test that showed he had twice the legal amount of alcohol in his system.

A suit filed by Eaton over head injuries in the first accident was settled by the county last month for \$149,747.

Darr was paid \$36,350 as a county administrator. The County Board hired retired firefighter Jack Quigley to represent Darr after the firing.

— From The Telegraph

Darr

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County Board members authorized the \$149,747 payment from the county's insurance fund at the board's regular meeting Dec. 18.

"This just goes to show that you shouldn't drink and drive, especially if you're working, and if you work for the county," Board Member Jack Frankenmuth said last week.

The resolution presented to the board authorizing payment to Eaton was not identified as a settlement to Eaton or linked to Darr.

Bosich said he would have made a statement about the settlement during the public meeting if he had realized what he was voting on at the time, but added he would have had no choice but to authorize the payment.

The lawsuit was handled by a special Madison County assistant attorney, private attorney Don Smith, who was appointed by State's Attorney William Haine.

Haine said the county was obligated to cover Darr because he was operating a county-owned vehicle.

"We settle a lawsuit when we are worried about a runaway payment by a jury. Haine was protecting the interest of the property owner, which is the county taxpayers."

The settlement was recommended by Smith to the County Board's Central Services Committee, which is chaired by Harold Byers of Highland.

Darr's lawsuit against the county is still pending and both Frankenmuth and Bosich said they are adamantly opposed to rehiring Darr.

— From The Telegraph

Art, craft show set for Jan. 10-12

The Keepsake Country Craft Show will present its third annual Winterfest Art and Craft Show "at its best" at St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights, 10 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Jan. 10-11, and from 12-6 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 12.

Keepsake Country Crafts, in conjunction with St. Clair Square, will give a \$5 craft show gift certificate to shoppers who present \$50 in receipts from St. Clair Square specialty stores (department stores excluded). Receipts must be dated Jan. 10, 11 and 12. Receipts should be presented to the Customer Service Counter on the level. The \$5 gift certificate can be presented to any craft booth in exchange for \$5 worth of merchandise. Gift certificates are not redeemable for cash and must be spent in full.

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Celebrations keep deputies busy

Most Madison County residents probably celebrated the coming of the New Year in relative comfort and style, but some apparently did not.

Reports from the Madison County Sheriff's Department for New Year's Eve and early New Year's Day shows deputies were kept busy.

The incidents range from the ludicrous to the banal, and most involve alcohol. This is only a partial list of the work performed by the department during the time period.

9:52 p.m., Tuesday: A man partying at a Warden couple's house gets into an argument with his hosts, whereupon they order him outside.

The man, also of Warden, complies but drives off in his hosts' 1985 Chevrolet pickup.

Deputies track the man to his house and find the pickup outside. The man comes to his door wielding a pickaxe but doesn't heed the deputies' request. He claims the couple told him to drive the pickup and they'll charge him.

11:30 p.m.: A Warden man gets into an argument with his wife as she is driving home after a party in St. Jacob.

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Where Beautiful Things Begin

Houseplants take center stage along about now, since the holidays are over and the weather isn't exactly conducive to basking in the sun. So here are some apropos tips to keep your indoor plants looking their best.

Fertilizing houseplants is often a misunderstood subject. When a plant looks droopy or yellow, many people think feeding it will perk them up. Well, think of it this way. When we get drowsy and lazy, does a big thick steak or plate of spaghetti make us feel any better? Unless we haven't eaten in three days, probably not. Plants aren't much different. Fertilizing at this stage can complicate things even more. Drooping plants usually need more water and/or light, not food.

Plants that receive most of their light from the sun tend to go almost dormant during the winter months. Sometimes plants dry quickly in winter, depending on heating systems and may need more water. Water them only when needed. Press a finger to the soil. If the soil sticks to your finger, forego the water.

Plants growing under fluorescent light, however, grow just as vigorously as ever, and they'll need regular watering and feeding. Use the same method to determine water requirements: press your finger in the soil. Overwatering is too much of a good thing, so don't automatically water simply because you haven't done it yet today. Test the plant first.

Fluorescent lamps provide the best lighting for plants. They provide light over a wider range of the spectrum; in other words it's a more natural light. And besides, they're cooler, so plants can be kept closer to them.

As for good houseplant soil, it should have four essential characteristics: 1) An ability to hold moisture, 2) good drainage,

The man becomes excited when his wife makes a wrong turn and throws himself out of the car, which is moving at 30 mph. He is taken to Anderson Hospital in Maryville for a cut on his head and bruise. The couple walk out of the hospital against medical advice because they would rather go St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City.

12:10 a.m.: A young man in Godfrey lights an M-80 firework and tosses it on his driveway. During the explosion, something hits him in the forehead, cutting him.

After treatment, he stands at Alton Memorial Hospital, the young man confesses that fireworks caused the injury. A deputy pays him a visit to cite him for explosion of fireworks.

12:59 a.m.: Two Collinsville women in separate cars get into a fight at a stoplight over a man at the party they just left. The first woman drives to a gas station to call police. The second woman follows and a fight ensues on the parking lot, complete with punching and pulling of hair.

1:53 a.m.: An Alton man runs off West Delmar Road in Godfrey and hits three vehicles, a house, a telephone pole, a garage door and a mailbox. Deputies take reports at the scene and find the suspect at a pay phone down the street. He is charged only with disorderly conduct.

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Police beat

The following are among incidents reported recently to area police departments.

Drugs

• Evelyn A. Wilson, 42, of the 1200 block of 22nd Street in Granite City, was arrested at 4:40 p.m. Dec. 29 on a felony warrant charging her with cocaine possession.

• Mark Gregory Bradshaw, 17, of the 200 block of Myrtle Avenue in Granite City, was arrested at 10:03 p.m. Dec. 29 and charged with possession of cannabis.

Bradshaw allegedly possessed about 20 grams of marijuana while walking on Nameoki Road near Palmer, according to a police report.

A 16-year-old boy, also alleged to have possessed pot,

was also arrested at the time.

Sex crimes

• James Wade Hutchinson, 27, of the 4000 block of Brune, was arrested at 7:15 p.m. Dec. 26 on a felony warrant charging him with aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Bond on the warrant is \$50,000.

Hutchinson is alleged to have fondled a girl under the age of 13 years at the time of the incident, between January and June 1988.

Warrant arrest

• Katrina Louise Elder, 27, of the 2200 block of East 23rd Street, was arrested by the U.S. Marshal's Service at 1:57 p.m. Dec. 30 on warrants charging her with violating her probation and revoking her parole.

Bar owner, son charged

A tavern owner and his son are facing a handful of felony charges after a New Year's celebration got out of hand and allegedly led to an attack on a police officer.

Frank T. Anderson Sr., 60, and his son, Frank T. Anderson,

son, 35, both of the 5300 block of Englewood Drive in Godfrey, are charged with aggravated assault, battery, and mob action after the two reportedly attacked an Alton patrolman outside Frank's Lounge on Highland Avenue shortly before midnight.

The senior Anderson is also charged with unlawful use of a weapon for allegedly discharging a .380-caliber handgun into the air.

Reports said the officer spotted the Andersons and another man firing guns into the air just after midnight. He approached the men and ordered them against the building.

While the officer was awaiting backup officers, a woman reportedly walked out of the tavern and began yelling at the patrolman. As the officer ordered the woman back inside, the unknown suspect ran off, reports said.

Shortly after the woman walked back into the tavern, a mob of between 25 and 30 patrons exited the bar and began heckling the officer.

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With January's probable ill weather looming, Jim Hall said he can't wait for the building to be completed to protect the equipment that was salvaged.

After the wood "pole barn" is erected, the exterior will be covered in metal by workers from Karlas Construction Co. of Wood River, Illinois.

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Obituaries

Richard Sheeley

Richard T. Sheeley, 56, of Granite City died at 10:29 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1996, in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He was born Nov. 17, 1940, in Collinsville.

Mr. Sheeley was employed by Tubular Steel of Hazelwood, Mo., in maintenance. He was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia (Haskins) Sheeley; two daughters, Cindy Szynanski of St. Louis and Tammy Turner of Barnhart, Mo.; one son, William Sheeley; one brother, Mike; two stepdaughters, Jerome Farow of Smyrna, Tenn., and Anita Kuback of Granite City; three grandsons; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 100 N. Main, with the Rev. Les Atkins officiating.

Casket services and burial were at Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, Ky.

Alvin Kahler Jr.

Alvin W. Kahler Jr., 44, of Granite City died at 10:29 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born Dec. 8, 1952, in Granite City.

Mr. Kahler was employed for the past six years as a forklift operator at Capri Sun in Granite City. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Madison, AmVets Post 209 of Granite City, a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the VFW Post 1000.

Survivors include his mother, Lucille (Copeland) Kahler of Granite City; his friend, Mary Ann Muntz of Madison; two aunts, Shirley Van Buskirk and Ethel Gabriel of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alvin W. Kahler Sr., who died March 29, 1996.

Visitation will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st & Cleveland, Granite City. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. at Davis Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Lewis Trotter officiating. The remains will be cremated.

Lula Herman

Lula Simpson Herman, 81, of Granite City died at 2:50 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center following a two-week illness. She was born June 11, 1915, in Sharpsburg, Pa.

Mrs. Herman was a homemaker and of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include her husband, Rudolph Herman; one daughter, Wanda Lehmann of Granite City; three sons, Lyle, Steve and Marvin; and Elvin B. Simpson of Monroe, Fla.; and Richard D. Simpson of Granite City; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lyle and Anna (Fitzgerald) Shetton; three sisters, Frona McKinney, Clara Lowrance, and Leona Brown; and one brother, Mack Shetton.

Services were held Friday, Jan. 3, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 100 N. Main, with the Rev. Bill Davis officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Granite City.

Memorials are suggested to World of Life Church Building Fund.

Lorraine Slone

Lorraine Slone, 75, of Maryville, formerly of Madison and Granite City, died at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1997, at Venecia Hospital in Veneta, 3329 Lake Drive, Pontiac Beach with the Rev. Bill Davis officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery, Granite City.

Memorials are suggested to World of Life Church Building Fund.

Tom Jones Sr.

Tom E. Jones, Sr., 75, of Granite City died at 10:29 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born June 14, 1921, in Metropolis.

Mr. Jones, a World War II Marine veteran, retired in 1975 from the Missouri Air Force Base, Mt. Clemens, Mich., as a Captain. He was a member of the American Legion Post 307, Metropolis, Ill. and the Missouri State Council Post 1099, F.O.D.E. Post 1128, AmVets Post 204, and Polk Post.

Survivors include his wife, Alberta (Kurtis) Jones, whom he married May 20, 1946; one son, Thomas E. Jones Jr. of Carthage, Mo.; one brother, Jim Jones, Jr., of St. Louis; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eddie and Clara (Teachero) Jones; and five brothers and sisters.

Services were held Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 100 N. Main, Maryville. Granite City. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Survivors

Include his wife, Alvera (Cunningham) Jones, whom he married May 20, 1946; one son, Thomas E. Jones Jr. of Carthage, Mo.; one brother, Jim Jones, Jr., of St. Louis; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Report said.

The officer was reportedly thrown on the hood of his patrol car. The charges allege the Andersons hit, pushed and shoved him during a struggle.

•Deputies

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with "failure to give information after striking an unattended vehicle" and "failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident."

3 a.m.: A Granite City man returns home from a party at the Elk Inn in Collinsville to find his door partially open. He suspects that the sound of breaking glass alerted his large dog to a prowler's presence, causing the would-be thief to flee.

Morning: A young Cottage Hills man calls to complain that his Grateful Dead T-shirts and Grateful Dead jewelry were stolen from his car. The young man admits to stealing the shirts but says he later put them in a place bag and left them on the front lawn. No one admits to stealing the jewelry, whereupon the young man states that he doesn't know who stole the jewelry or "if it even existed."

—From The Telegraph

•Death

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ruling an accidental. Right now, we're treating it as a homicide."

Newsome said James, a student at Madison High School, was wearing a bullet-proof vest at the time of the incident.

No arrests had been made in connection with the shooting as of late Friday afternoon.

IN LOVING MEMORY

On September 27, 1996, Michael Antonovich Sr. died of Manic Bipolar Depression. He was the best husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was always there for us. He will be missed. His love, his humor, his spirit, memories and influence will remain with us. Some people can have someone for a lifetime and not know the love, but he had it right from the start and knew the love. Our family knows he is in Heaven waiting and looking over us. We want to thank all the people who sent flowers, food, sympathy, and their love over the past three months. Thank you Carolyn, Michael Jr., Kim, Nick Antonovich and family.

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Survivors include his fiancée, William Gurd of Caseyville; five sons, David St. Louis, Missouri; Melvin Thomas of Garden City, Mich.; Marvin Thomas of Troy, Mich.; and Mervin Thomas of Granite City; two daughters, Phyllis Sloane of Granite City, Ill.; Ruth Ann Looney of Maryville, Ill.; and Ruth Ann Looney of Granite City, Ill.; seven sisters, Venita Shelton of Green Wood, Miss.; Lillian Williams of Granite City; Dorothy Musgrave of Sparks, Nev.; Nedra Moore of Genoa; Clara Lambert of Granite City; and Roberta Murphy of Murphysboro; 21 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his first wife, Pearl (Sternberg) Stone, whom he married Dec. 6, 1942 in St. Louis, and his second wife, Fern (Scholten) Stone, whom he married April 6, 1974, in Maryville, Ill.; two brothers, Fred and Stella Jones; Stone and two nieces, Linda Stone and Marjorie Bell Stone.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at Thomas Chapel, 3005 Portion Road, Granite City. Services will be held Sunday, Jan. 6, at Thomas Chapel with the Rev. Cecil Meadows officiating.

Services and burial were at Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, Ky.

Mildred Burgess

Mildred E. (Michael) Burgess, 64, of Collingsville, formerly of Madison, died at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1997, at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 4, 1997, at Hughey Funeral Home, 1314 Main St., Vernon, with the Rev. Merrill Vernon officiating. Burial was in Kirk Cemetery, Mt. Vernon.

Survivors

include his daughter, Colleen Willard of Dallas; a sister, Myrtle Simmons of Fairfield; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gale Robinson of Chicago; a brother, Joseph Belobradic of Michigan, and four grandsons.

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Shirley Thompson

Shirley Mae (Champion) Thompson, 88, of Edwardsville died at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She was born April 18, 1908, in Madison.

Services were held Thursday, Jan. 2, 1997, at Irwin Chapel, 3060 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Jamie Haughey officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Survivors

include two sons, Robert L. Burgess of Edwardsville and Phillip Burgess of Collinsville; a brother, David J. Michaels of Chicago; one sister, Susan Michaels of Chicago; and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman E. Burgess Sr., who died April 19, 1979, and her parents, John (Jack) and Pauline (Michaels) Burgess.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 4, at Irwin Chapel, 3060 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Jamie Haughey officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville.

John Gitchoff

John Gitchoff, 71, of Granite City died Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, at Rosewood Care Center in Edwardsville. He was born April 19, 1925, in Granite City.

Mr. Gitchoff served as Madison County circuit judge from 1971 to 1977. He served on the bench as chief circuit judge from 1977 to 1979. He was a member of the Madison County association of circuit judges from 1980 to 1984 in private practice.

Mr. Gitchoff specialized in criminal law and was most recently the attorney for the Metro East Sanitary District in both cases.

Mr. Gitchoff was a veteran of World War II serving with the Marines. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus of Granite City, the Scottish Rite Valley of Southern Illinois and Shrine Club of Edwardsville, and Stanley Mikloszak of Edwardsville, and Stanley Mikloszak of Louisiana, and one grandchild.

Survivors include his wife, Alberta (Kelt) Mikloszak, whom he married May 20, 1946; a son, Leonard Mikloszak of Granite City; a daughter, Nancy Mikloszak of Raleigh, N.C.; a sister, Sophie Krause of Madison; three brothers, Eddie, John and Michael Mikloszak of Edwardsville, and Stanley Mikloszak of Louisiana, and one grandchild.

Services were held Friday, Jan. 3, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. at Irwin Chapel, 3060 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Mark Skiles officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Roy Cross Sr.

Roy R. Cross Sr., 80, of Madison died at 10:40 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born Sept. 7, 1916, in Neoga.

Mr. Cross retired in 1974 from the Missouri State Auditor after 34 years as a circuit judge.

Mr. Cross was a member of the Madison County Association of Circuit Judges.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, 1996, at 10 a.m. at Irwin Chapel, 3060 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Roy Cross officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Roy Cross Jr.

Roy R. Cross Jr., 80, of Madison died at 10:40 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born Sept. 7, 1916, in Neoga.

Mr. Cross retired in 1974 from the Missouri State Auditor after 34 years as a circuit judge.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, 1996, at 10 a.m. at Irwin Chapel, 3060 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Roy Cross officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

H. Snell Jr.

"Hank" Pop" H. Snell Jr., 77, of Granite City, died at 10:20 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1997, in Venice, Italy.

Mr. Snell died Jan. 19, 1997, in Venice, Italy.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 4, at Davis Funeral Home, 21st and Union, Granite City, with Simon Stepanich officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

E. Belobradic

Edward "Ed" Daniel Belobradic, 86, of Maryville died at 12:50 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 1996, in Collinsville.

Services were held Monday, Dec. 30, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 3060 Maryville Road, Granite City.

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LOCAL NEWS

THE VOICE BOX:

Do you approve of the St. Louis Blues' firing of head coach and general manager Mike Keenan?

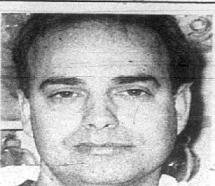
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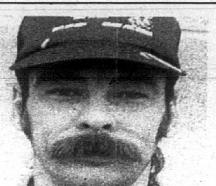
"Yeah, I'm for it, only because he thinks he knows how to make a good team."



"I'm for it. Definitely. He traded away all our young talent and got players that were all washed up. He never gave our players enough time to gel. They needed to play together in order to work well together."



"Keenan's first mistake was when he traded (Brendan) Shanahan. The Blues organization made the right mistake by letting him be head coach and general manager at the same time. Being general manager interfered with his coaching and it cost the team and the fans."



"Just because a man has a bad day doesn't mean you have to fire him."



"I'm for it. I think he has had adequate chances, and I think he got rid of some of the team's good, key players."

Milestones

Reginald Earl Clark Jr. celebrates his 3rd birthday today, Jan. 5.

Sonny Kraus will celebrate his 5th birthday Jan. 6.

Vern Ritter will celebrate her 30th birthday Jan. 5.

Dave Wise will celebrate his 43rd birthday Jan. 6.

Oscar Ask will celebrate his 34th birthday Jan. 6.

Jerry Tatus will celebrate his 52nd birthday Jan. 6.

Kimmy Smith will celebrate her 9th birthday Jan. 6.

Michele Lynn Staggs will celebrate her 13th birthday Jan. 7.

Amanda Leigh Burch will celebrate her 16th birthday Jan. 7.

Tony M. Bellman will celebrate his 43rd birthday Jan. 7.

Kimberly Smith will celebrate her 9th birthday Jan. 7.

Mark Kunkler will celebrate his 40th birthday Jan. 7.

Dennis and Carol Wells will celebrate their 29th anniversary Jan. 7.

Bob and Margaret Shiple will celebrate their 13th anniversary Jan. 7.

versary Jan. 7.

Brian will celebrate his 22nd birthday Jan. 8.

Terrick Lawrence will celebrate his 15th birthday Jan. 8.

Clyde Myers will celebrate his 1st birthday Jan. 8.

Eula Myers will celebrate their 66th anniversary Jan. 8.

Lucy Hoffman will celebrate her 10th birthday Jan. 9.

Don Durbin will celebrate his birthday Jan. 9.

Tony Martinez will celebrate his 21st birthday Jan. 9.

Christina Lang will celebrate her 1st birthday Jan. 9.

Nicole Eichelberger will celebrate her 7th birthday Jan. 10.

Curtis Bosworth will celebrate his 43rd birthday Jan. 10.

Linda K. Pfister will celebrate her birthday Jan. 10.

Jean and Tina Claridge will celebrate their 5th anniversary Jan. 10.

Amy Michelle Springs will celebrate her 22nd birthday Jan. 11.

Jessica Wallace will celebrate her birthday Jan. 10.

Melia Elizabeth Schnecke will celebrate her 1st birthday Jan. 11.

Lisa Jones will celebrate her 35th birthday today Jan. 11.

Mercedes Grupas will celebrate her 11th birthday Jan. 11.

Eugene Kramer will celebrate his birthday Jan. 11.

Lynda Ross Leggett will celebrate her 61st birthday Jan. 11.

Pom pon clinic slated for Feb. 1

The Granite City High School Pom Pon Squad will conduct an instructional clinic for children 4 years old through eighth grade on Saturday, Feb. 1. The cost is \$15 and due by Jan. 18.

Registration forms are available at local schools or by contacting Diana Ryan at 931-7663 or 931-6106.

Wedding Memories

A special tribute to couples wed from 1900-1997 will appear on Sunday, January 26.



Honor your parents or friends or rekindle your own memories by placing a special tribute in this section. The deadline is Friday, January 20, 1997, and the price is the year the couple was wed. For example: If you were married in 1933, the cost of the ad would be \$19.33. To submit your tribute, complete the form below, include photograph & payment and mail to Suburban Journal, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, MO 63131. Please put your name and address on the back of the photos so that we may return them. If you have any questions, please call us at (314) 966-FAST (3278).

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Aviation program to be deactivated

The Belleville Area College Board of Trustees has voted to deactivate the Aviation Pilot Training and Aviation Electronics programs in May, and the Aviation Maintenance program in August.

The action was prompted by a number of factors. Declining enrollment in the Aviation Pilot Training, Aviation Maintenance and Aviation Electronics programs over the past five years has resulted in a projected shortfall in operating revenues that support these programs. Furthermore, Department of Labor statistics indicate that corporate downsizing, mergers and outsourcing have softened the job market nationwide for Aviation Maintenance and Aviation Electronics program graduates. Changes in Illinois Veteran's Grant funding and the requirement of a bachelor's degree to serve as a commercial pilot also

have had a negative impact on enrollment.

The Board directed the Instructional Division of the college to make every effort to ensure that students who are currently enrolled in these programs are able to complete their degrees and certificates.

In addition to enabling current students to complete their studies at BAC, the college's Technical Education Division is establishing cooperative agreements with Southern Illinois University Carbondale. These agreements enable students to transfer to SIUC with no loss of credit. Students transferring to SIUC would be able to complete their education at that institution, said Mary Walsh, BAC's Dean of Technical Education.

Faculty are meeting with students on an individual basis to outline their articulation pathway from BAC through SIUC.

Sometimes time doesn't heal all wounds...

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Memorial's Wound Care and Limb Preservation Clinic specializes in caring for people with chronic, non-healing wounds of the legs - a significant health problem in the United States.

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- Venous Stasis Ulcers - from weakness in the vein walls on the lower leg.
- Diabetic Ulcers - from poor blood flow and nerve damage in the legs and feet caused by diabetes.
- Leg Ulcer - from narrowing of the arteries causing reduced blood flow in legs.

Services offered

The Wound Care and Limb Preservation Clinic team is specially trained in:

- Wound Evaluation
- Wound Treatment
- Education and Prevention

Vascular and plastic surgeons evaluate your wound and formulate an individualized treatment plan. Other physician specialists are consulted as necessary. Fees are charged according to the extent of services received.

For an appointment

Call Memorial's Marsh Cardiovascular Unit at (618) 257-5036. The Wound Care and Limb Preservation Clinic is held on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to noon in Memorial's Physical Therapy Department.



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Memorial's Preventive Cardiology and Cholesterol Clinic offers a comprehensive and progressive approach to cholesterol management and modification of specific risk factors related to heart disease.

The Preventive Cardiology and Cholesterol Clinic provides a multi-disciplinary team approach to give you individualized care. Services include:

- Personal risk assessment by a cardiologist
- Risk factor counseling by a registered nurse
- Dietary assessment conducted by a registered dietitian
- A complete lipid blood test (total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides, coronary risk report)

Based on test results, our professional team will develop a treatment plan to help you improve cholesterol and fat levels as well as reduce your risk of heart and blood vessel disease.

The Clinic team works in conjunction with your primary care physician to monitor progress. Depending upon individual risk levels, the Clinic staff either will provide ongoing clinical evaluation or recommend periodic follow-up.

For more information or to make an appointment, call Memorial's Preventive Cardiology and Cholesterol Clinic at (618) 257-5047.

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FAMILY

Welding class to be offered

Belleville Area College is offering an advanced welding course: Qualification and Certification Procedures for Welding Inspectors.

This course will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1:10 p.m. Saturdays from Jan. 11 through April 19 at the Granite City Campus, 4800 Mayview Road.

The course is designed to help students prepare for the upcoming qualification and certification of welding inspectors examination. Certification from the American Welding Society is considered among professionals to be the welding inspector's most valuable symbol of professional achievement and standing.

The course will review welder qualifications; welding inspection and responsibilities; welding ability and knowledge; welding and chemistry; weld joint preparation and discontinuities; inspection processes; welding inspector testing responsibilities; welding procedures; code standards and specifications; inspection reports; AWS D1.1 code and practice requirements.

Tuition for the course is \$42.50 per credit hour for in-district students. Tuition rates will be greater for out-of-district or out-of-state students. There is a \$10 non-refundable application fee for each student.

For more information, call Belleville Area College extension 378 or 252 or toll-free in Illinois at 1-800-BAC-5131, extension 378 or 252.

In Missouri, call (314) 772-5414.

Hall participates in debate tourney

Bates College student Jason R. Hall of Granite City participated in the Parliamentary debate tournament held on Sept. 28 and 29 at Wesleyan University.

One of four Bates College debate teams, he and his team partner placed sixth in a field of 40 teams in the tournament. The Bates novice team placed first in the novice bracket.

Hall, senior economics major, is the son of Bruce and Shirley Hall of Granite City. His dean's list student, he is a four-year member of the debate team and was the hosting coordinator for debate events in 1994-95.

Hall debated at the Wesleyan University tournament last year as well as the National Parliamentary Debate Championship and the National Novice Debate Championship in 1993.

Hall is a 1993 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

School menus**Granite City Public Schools**

Monday — Breakfast: Sausage roll-up, pear halves; lunch: Pizza, oven fries, cup of cherries.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast, jelly, cup of raisins; lunch: Cheeseburger on bun, pickle, mixed vegetables, cinnamon roll.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Blueberry muffin, fresh banana; lunch: Italian dinkers, whole kernel corn, apricot halves.

Thursday — Breakfast: French toast sticks, syrup; fresh orange slices; lunch: Baked chicken, parsley, macaroni & cheese, beans, slice of bread, peach cobbler.

Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, pineapple chunks; lunch: Baked onion on bun, macaroni & cheese, peas, mixed fruit.

Madison Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast; lunch: Sausage & shells, powdered apple, slice of bread, bread pudding.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Donut; lunch: Hamburger on bun, oven fries, peaches, peanut butter cookies.

Wednesday — Breakfast: French toast; lunch: Hot dog on bun.

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Holy Family

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Venice Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: French toast sticks; lunch: Chicken & noodles, green beans, pears, slice of bread.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Pancakes, bacon; lunch: Beef stew, beets, cornbread, applesauce.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Donuts, milk or juice; lunch: Hamburger on bun, peas, French fries, pineapple chunks.

Thursday — Breakfast: Alice of bacon, biscuit; lunch: Beef ravioli with meat sauce, peas & carrots, fruit, slice of bread.

Friday — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls; lunch: Chili, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, peaches.

St. Elizabeth

Monday — Baked Ham, potato footballs, mixed vegetables, slice of bread, pineapple.

Tuesday — Hot dog on bun, tator tots, green beans, pears.

Wednesday — Salisbury

steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, slice of bread, peaches.

Thursday — Vegetable soup, peanut butter & jelly sandwich, banana.

Friday — Fish on bun, potato wedges, slaw, applesauce.



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**Cahokia Goodwill Career Center, 1040 Camp Jackson Road
Register Monday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m., Career Center Lobby
Class meets daily, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., until Feb. 7.**

**Centreville City Hall, 5800 Bond Avenue
Register Monday, Jan. 13, 11 a.m., City Hall Lobby
Class meets daily 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., until Feb. 7.**

**Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road
Register Monday, Jan. 13, 9 a.m., Cafeteria
Class meets daily 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., until Feb. 7.**

**Red Bud Campus, 500 West South Fourth Street
Register Monday, Jan. 27, 9 a.m., Room 103
Class meets 9-11:50 a.m., Mon. & Wed., until March 26.**

NIGHT CLASSES

**Lebanon High School, 200 West Schuetz Street
Register Monday, Jan. 6, 6:30 p.m.
Class meets 6:30-9:20 p.m., Mon. & Wed., until March 5.**

**Belleville Campus, 2500 Carlyle Avenue
Register Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m., Varsity Gym Lobby
Class meets 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., until March 6.**

**Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road
Register Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria
Class meets 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., until March 6.**

**Cahokia High School, 801 Range Lane
Register Thursday, Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m., Library
Class meets 6:30-9:20 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., until March 6.**

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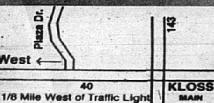
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JANUARY, 1996

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MEET THE KIDS CLUB CREW



Gabe Nikki George

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Kahoks' woes conjure up '70-71 season

Even before Collinsville High's boys varsity basketball team played two games, lost two and continued to allow loyal followers to keep referring to "Kahoks" year, you knew it might be such a difficult early season '73-74 loss to Edwardsville.

Yet, when I visited the recent Collinsville-Lockwood Holiday Classic, I sought out longtime Kahoks assistant basketball coach and now retired athletic director Frank Pitol to tell me of the 1970-71 season, when the Kahoks finished with a 3-19 record.

You see, while observing banners in the Vergil Fletcher Gymnasium, I became convinced with the obvious — Collinsville has maintained one of the richest high school basketball traditions in the country.

Signs point to 24 state tournaments and three winning a national prep championship in 1961, when the team went 32-0, and state title in '66.

The 1956-57 season produced a second-place finish, with the 1957 and '58 teams third and the 1950 team fourth.

Collinsville has so many Southwest Conference titles I can't count them. The toes of state town teams remind one of the presence of the Kahoks/Coach Fletcher magnificence.

Yet, 1970-71 stands with others in Pitol's book, "The Wonderful World of Collinsville Basketball," and also stands as a reminder to the efforts of Coach Fletcher.

"For two straight years we did not have much depth or talent," Pitol said of the '70-71 team. "It was a junior (Rich Knarr) and four sophomores including a lean guard named Bobby Bone.

But it was also one of Coach's "other" how Pitol still refers to Fletcher's last job because nobody blew us out.

"Coach really worked on fundamentals and the team never got down because we improved during the season. We lost to a highly seeded Granite City team in the final moments of the regional."

Our youthful '70-71 team, Pitol said, was an impressive bunch of kids who got the opportunity to play and get better and better."

What followed were the fruits of hard work as Collinsville went 20-10 in '71-72 and 26-3 in '72-73, losing in the first round of the state finals in Champaign each season.

Collinsville has opened to the current Kahoks, who have nine non-seniors on the varsity roster?

"Who knows?" asked Pitol. "We all do know someone there's someone with this team who knows what it took in the '70s."

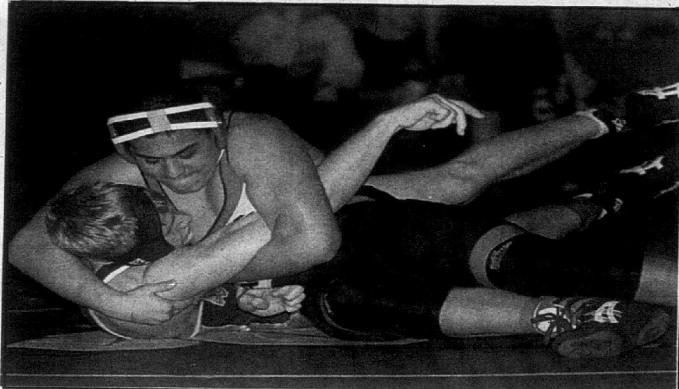
No need to expand on Pitol's response. Bone, who is the new assistant coach for the Kahoks, has been a coach for 15 years and then as athletic director for another 15, is quick to point to the strengths and weaknesses of the current night's basketball game.

"Too many teams are weak fundamentally, and when they run an offense, I really cannot tell what they are doing," said Pitol.

"I call it 'circus basketball,' where too much is done on instinct. That's fine to a point, but you cannot get by with that all the time. There are better athletes today and they play you out, but there's no excuse for the poor shooting and passing."

"They ought to make the slam dunk worth one point. That might help develop some shooting."

Pitol said he always has favored the 3-point shooting line, which helped open up the middle, but he added that too many passes to the inside and thrown chest-high these days instead of into the center's hands."



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

GCHS sophomore George Kirgan takes on Keith Otten during a match in the Granite City Holiday Tournament last week. Kirgan defeated Otten to place third in the 171-pound division.

BAC women set to resume season

The Belleville Area College women's basketball team takes its second-record 13-game home winning streak into action Tuesday when it hosts Mineral Area College at 7 p.m.

The Dutchwomen, 8-3 on the season, resume play after almost a month off for semester break. Coach Shelly Ethridge has mixed emotions about her team's recent play. The Dutchmen lost two games by one point each.

"I think we should be 10-3. We're getting closer to the free-throw line," Ethridge said. "But our record does reflect the tough competition we faced."

BAC's pre-Christmas schedule included the Lincoln Clasic and the Johnson County

(Kan.) Shootout. BAC's opponents in both tournaments were ranked in the top 20 nationally, Ethridge said.

A mom of them was Kansas City Community College, which dealt the Dutchmen a 20-point loss and left Ethridge very impressed.

The y have three Lithuanians — Angie Jansen, Angie Jansen of Bresce and (See BAC, Page 3B)



Midgets outlast Devils, defend tourney title

By Scott Marion

Staff writer

It wasn't exactly a shooting clinic, but solid defense and timely rebounding were enough to give Freeburg-Columbia 16-10 over Venice Monday night in the championship game of the Freeburg-Columbia Holiday Tournament.

The Midgets (8-1) shot just 32 percent (19-of-60) from the field, but outscored Venice 16-10 in the fourth quarter. The Red Devils dropped to 7-2.

It's not necessarily they're not the same team we played in the season opener, said Freeburg coach Fred Blumberg, whose team won the tournament for the second straight year. "They've improved a great deal and we have, too."

"Any time neither team shoots well, it's going to look a little ragged, but we had some offensive rebounds, and that's one thing this group does real-

ly well."

A 3-pointer by Kevin Roberts gave Venice a 10-1 lead three minutes into the game as Freeburg missed its first six shots. But the Midgets

responded with a 10-2 run to cut the lead to one point and pulled it three (18-15) after one quarter.

"We knew it was going to be a run-and-gun game," said Venice coach Clinton Harris. "We jumped out in front but then we made a couple of turnovers and they got up in front. It was up and down until half-time."

Their point guard (senior Nick Bruse) is quick and he runs their club pretty well. He did a good job. Don Matthews played good defense, but he got some foul trouble and slacked a little bit. That's when (Bruse) used his quickness on us."

Freeburg didn't panic when it got off to a bad start, and that may have been the key to its victory.

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•Devils

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ator — sometimes he breaks down defenses really well. He goes up for layups, when to speed up and when to slow down, but he still pretty much plays at one speed — fast.

In the second quarter, the Midgets took a 20-23 lead on a trey by Bryan Blomenkamp with 3:11 to play. But Venice's Jammy Edwards hit a reverse basket at the buzzer to cut Freeburg's lead to 30-28.

The game was tied heading into the fourth quarter, but a 3-point play by 6-6 senior Adam Modrell of the tournament's MVP made it 48-43.

Venice got within one point (52-51) on a pair of free throws by Roberts with 1:36 left, but the Red Devils couldn't come all the way back. Two free throws by Josh Duffie put Freeburg ahead 58-53 with 13 seconds remaining.

"We had a couple key moments (in the fourth quarter)," Blomenkamp said. "We shot three 3-pointers and missed them all, but we got the rebound each time and came back to put in a layup, which stole the ball. Those kind of things really build you up and tear the other team down."

Modrell had a game-high 24 points, Edwards added 12 and Duffie had 11 each. Blomenkamp and Bruss were named to the all-tournament team.

Roberts and Charles Cotton had 15 and 13 points, respectively, for Venice. Marcia Allen, a senior transfer from CBC High in St. Louis, added 10 points. Allen and Roberts earned all-tournament honors.

"What happened in the fourth quarter was we had three or four shots and still got the rebound," Harris said. "They must have gotten about 10 points like that and we lost by two."

Despite the loss, Harris was pleased with his team's performance in the first month of the season.

"It's just a matter of Marcia and everybody else knowing what they can do," Harris said. "By regional time, we hope to be in top form."

Other members of the all-tournament team were Columbia twins Shawn and Ryan Patton, Red Bud's Shane Albersen and Chris Braun, Albersen and Chris Braun, Memorial's B.J. Rust and Nick Stephens, Pella Southwest's John Delong, New Athens' Craig Archer, Afton's Tim Smith and Roxana's Adam Miller.



(Photo by PAUL BAILLARGEON)

Venice freshman Laron Cole battles under the basket as sophomore teammate Charles Cotton (34) looks on.

•Musketeers

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best, we've rebounded all year," he said.

Red Bud's match-up zone defense was relentless, holding Gibault (7-2) to 33 percent shooting. The Musketeers had 18 points from beyond the 3-point arc.

"Match-up zone has man-to-man principles, and when it's played right, kids are getting after it like there's (hell) to pay," said coach Berger. "We've been working on it and working on it."

The two teams traded punches through the first three quarters.

"The Musketeers stormed to an early lead, but Red Bud came back in the second period," Berger said. "Red Bud ripped off nine straight points, and Lane's two free throws gave the Hawks their first lead at 20-18 with 2:20 left.

Gibault still led 28-24 with 5:02 to play in the third quarter before Red Bud went on a 8-0 spurt.

"The Musketeers never trailed again," Berger said.

Heimos paced Gibault with 12 points, while Adam Frierdich chipped in 11.

Red Bud displayed a certain tenacity that had been missing this season.

"Tonight, they played a little tougher, a little meaner," Berger said. "That's what we've been challenging them to do. The kids came out ready to play. They got themselves ready to play."

Red Bud was scheduled to host Valmeyer on Saturday after traveling to Waterloo on Friday. Gibault's next game is Jan. 7 at home against Pinckneyville.

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LaToesha McIntyre of Louisville, Ky. Starting in the backcourt are Teresa Snowden of O'Fallon and Marquesha Clark of East St. Louis, who has signed with the University of Dayton for next season.



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•Venne

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him back-to-back individual championships in the recent Springfield Invitational and Granite City Holiday tournaments.

Venne (18-3), the Illinois Journals Cardinal Club Athlete of the Week, ultimately hopes to follow in the footsteps of his older brother John Venne, a Meramec Community College freshman who won the 1995 Class AA title at 160 pounds as a senior with a 30-1 record.

Granite City coach Mike Garland said it's way too early with Luke Moore from Triad in the middle of the tournament (Finals). He was down 8-7 and he pinned him with (52) seconds left in the third period.

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That was probably the most embarrassing defeat of Venne's career, which dates back to his first year in Granite City Wrestling Club.

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Venne began carving his own niche with a 4-0 record on Dec. 21 at Springfield, where the competition level nearly rivals that of state tournaments.

The Warriors placed only fourth at Springfield as a team, but Venne was their lone individual champion.

He beat Normal Community's Chris Womack at 131 of the second period in the finals.

"He was trailing in his semi-

final match and his championship match and he came back and won both by pins," Garland said. "The Bloomington (Sam Fischer) was the same one who had beaten him earlier this year."

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"It's tough being a sophomore," Venne said. "Because most kids at that weight class are seniors,"

"I'm not worried about my weight class. I'm worried about my weight or what grade you're in as an excuse for why you can't win every match. It's that and a combination of other intangibles that made him better."

"It's also the great tradition

of his family in wrestling. The great tradition of wrestling at Granite City. The expectations that the coaches put on him and the goals that he sets for himself. All of that comes into play and he's responding to it."

Garland said the 6-foot-2 Venne only slightly reminds him of his brother at this stage.

"They have completely different styles," Garland said. "We really haven't adapted yet to Kevin's particular style with Kevin. He wrestles at a slower pace than John did. We're trying to get him faster footwork and get him to adapt to more motion in his takedown stance."

Venne has won mostly by fall or major decision during his winning streak. His superior strength was evident in his victory over Belleville West's Gus Hoepfner, who wrestles mostly in the new 215-pound class. Venne was a starting halfback and occasional fullback for Granite City sophomore football team.

"He's been successful because the coaching staff has him in such a shape," Garland said. "Of the 18 matches I'd bet he probably won about nine of them in the third period. If not for that conditioning, he wouldn't have the strength to hold a guy down and pin him."

"If Kevin continues to improve and listens to the coaching staff, he'll have a great opportunity to take a big step in his wrestling career as a sophomore."

Sports shorts

Elks Hoop Shoot

Local competition for the 25th Annual Elks Hoop Shoot, the annual free throw shooting contest for boys and girls ages 8-13, will be held 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 at Coolidge Middle School.

More than 1 million youngsters throughout the country entered last year's competition for boys and girls in three age categories, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

Each contestant will get 25 shots. The top 10 in each category advance through four tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals in Indianapolis.

The Musketeers stormed to an early lead, but Red Bud came back in the second period.

"Red Bud's 18 points and seven rebounds, Mehling added nine points and two boards, as Red Bud outrebounded Gibault 22-13."

"The team is our inside people, Chris and Shane," Berger said. "The key to the second half was we kept them off the offensive boards. That's the

The sign-ups are for boys and girls who would like to play in the 1997 summer park leagues but are not currently on a park district team or have never played in the park district leagues.

Boys and girls who will be 6-16 may have their name placed on the list. Every effort will be made to place them on a team.

Boys and girls tee-ball is for ages 6-7, youth baseball is for ages 8-10, ponytail softball is for ages 8-16.

New teams are formed from the compiled list. Names on the list are also used by managers of existing teams that need to fill their rosters.

Anyone interested in coaching or managing a youth baseball, tee-ball or ponytail softball team may call the Wood Park office or call recreation supervisor Ray Hoffman at 877-3059.

K of C contest

The Knights of Columbus of Columbus will sponsor a free throw contest beginning at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18 at the K of C Hall, located at 4225 Old Alton Road, Granite City.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Boys and girls ages 10-14 years are eligible, and proof of age is required. Winners will advance to the state level.

For more information, call Bob Palus at 451-8988.

Park league sign-ups

The Granite City Park District is now taking registration for boys and girls wanting to play youth baseball, tee-ball or ponytail softball this summer.

The Dutchwomen follow

Tuesday's game with a 5:30 p.m. home game Wednesday against Kaskaskia College.

The Dutchwomen are 1-1 in conference play for BAC Hall of Fame.

Children born in 1993 may register for the instructional fun soccer camp. If interested, call 877-9000.

R.J. Krause All-Stars

The R.J. Krause All-Stars Sports Club of East St. Louis is seeking basketball players and tournaments for boys and girls teams in grades 3-10. The club also needs sports equipment, uniforms, cheerleading outfits,

baseball manager needed

For the past 15 years, O'Fallon has had their champions baseball team in the Mon-Claire League. The team is for young men, mostly of college age.

Ron Treloar (with some help from Dale Funk) has been the manager since 1994, when former manager Brent Wood stepped down. Treloar is capable of managing the team, which was started in the early 1980s and has been supported by merchants in O'Fallon.

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The team must commit to the team, and the team managers should contact Wood as soon as possible.

"There's always John A. Logan and Wabash Valley," she said. "And Olney Central has a new coach this year and they brought in some new players."

Last season, BAC finished second in the GRAC behind Logan and was 25-5 overall.

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